

Orlando Fla, June 27/87.
Prof. Asa Gray
Cambridge,
Mass.

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness
to inform me whether the flowers
of Scutellaria Autumnalis appear earlier
in the season now than formerly, or
whether, as seems more likely, certainly,
the books and my recollection are
at fault? Your "Manual" gives as the
time, "Aug. - Oct.," and twenty years ago
when it was rare in this vicinity - I
occasionally, and only, found it in full
by the roadside. Within a few years it has
become very plentiful almost everywhere
in the fields, and has blossomed earlier
in the season apparently. This year I
found it in bloom side by side with

The common dandelion ten days
ago, and now I can see from the
window a patch of them as far as my
eye literally comes with its blossom.

Yours respectfully
A. A. Littlefield.